Claims

What is Claimed:

1. A client server system comprising:

a client comprising a WEB browser for browsing a WEB page;

a server connected to the client via a network, wherein the client comprises client means for transmitting printing information corresponding to an image displayed in the WEB browser to the server by using a program operating on the WEB browser;

the server further comprising printing data means for preparing the data for printing based on the received printing information; and

server means for transmitting the data for printing prepared by the means for preparatiing the data for printing to the client.

2. The client server system according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of clients having different operating systems or WEB browser software are connected to the server via the network.

3. The client server system according to claim 1, wherein the printing information includes information on the image displayed in the WEB browser and/or information on a source

of text displayed in the WEB browser.

4. The client server system according to claim 1, wherein the printing information includes additional information displayed or non-displayed in the WEB browser.

5. A client comprising:

means for judging whether or not there has been a printing instruction with respect to an image displayed in a WEB browser using a program operating on the WEB browser;

means for preparing printing information based on the printing instruction, when the means for judging determines that there has been a printing instruction;

means for transmitting printing information prepared by the means for preparing printing information to a server via a network;

client means for receiving data for printing prepared by the server based on the printing information transmitted by the client transmission means from the server via the network; and

output means for outputting the data for printing received by the client reception means.

6. The client according to claim 5, wherein the program operating on the WEB browser is a Java applet downloaded via the network.

7. A server comprising:

    server means for receiving printing information on an image prepared by a program operating on a WEB browser of a client;

    client means for preparing data for printing based on printing information received by the server means for receiving; and

    server means for transmitting the data for printing prepared by the client means for preparing the data.

8. The server according to claim 7, wherein the data for printing is a portable document format (PDF) file.

9. The server according to claim 7, further comprising:

    means for storing form data prepared by the means for preparing the data for printing; and

    means for preparing image data of the data for printing.

10. A computer apparatus comprising:

    means for transmitting a program module for preparing printing information based on an image displayed in a WEB browser of a client to the client; and

means for preparing data for printing based on printing information prepared using the program module and transmitted from the client.

11. A method for printing an image, comprising:

judging whether or not there has been a printing instruction with respect to an image displayed on the WEB browser using a program operating on a WEB browser;

preparing printing information based on the printing instruction;

transmitting the prepared printing information to a server via a network;

receiving data for printing prepared based on the printing information by the server via the network; and

outputting the received data for printing.

12. A preparing method for printing an image, comprising:

receiving printing information on the image prepared by a program operating on a WEB browser of a client;

preparing data for printing based on the received printing information; and

transmitting the prepared data for printing to the

client.

13. A method for preparing to print an image, comprising:

transmitting a program module for preparing printing information based on the image displayed in a WEB browser of a client to the client; and

preparing data for printing based on the printing information prepared using the program module and transmitted from the client.